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## Westbound Interstate 70 Blanchette Bridge Construction

- The 1958 Westbound I-70 bridge needs major rehab to ensure bridge lasts another 50 years
- \$63 million project scheduled from March 2012 to December 2013
- Westbound I-70 traffic detoured to eastbound I-70 bridge starting in November 2012 and lasting less than 12 months
- Eastbound I-70 bridge will have three lanes for eastbound and three lanes for westbound traffic during these 12 months
- Fifth Street access during construction
  - Westbound I-70 exit and entrance ramps open
  - Eastbound I-70 exit ramp open
  - Southbound Fifth Street to eastbound I-70 ramp open
  - Northbound Fifth Street to eastbound I-70 ramp closed
- Motorists are advised to flex work hours or considering alternate routes during morning and evening rush hours
- Route 370 is the signed detour to avoid the construction work
- Rte 364 to Arena Pkwy will serve as alternate to Downtown St. Charles
- Repair work to the I-70 bridges over Earth City Expressway will occur during off peak hours/weekends in summer 2012
- Repair work to the I-70 westbound bridge over Fifth Street will occur during spring 2013.



See Detailed Schedule and Map on Back Side

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## Westbound Interstate 70 Blanchette Bridge Construction Schedule

Effective September 2012

DATE	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	TRAFFIC IMPACT
Aug 2012	Work in the river with barges/cranes Pier repairs under the bridge	No traffic impact S. Main Street closed under the bridge
Sept/Oct 2012	Pier repairs under the bridge Build median pavement for crossovers	S. Main Street closed under the bridge One lane closed each direction on I-70
Mid Oct 2012	Pier repairs under the bridge	S. Main Street Open Mid Oct-Mid Nov
Late Oct/Nov 2012	Work to move all traffic to eastbound bridge	2-3 lanes closed for two weekends Traffic switched to 3 lanes each direction on eastbound bridge by Nov 4
Nov/Dec 2012	Demolition of the bridge	Three bridge blasts on three different days with short full closuresof I-70
January-Fall 2013	Bridge rehab work	Traffic remains 3 lanes each direction on eastbound bridge



